Earth and beyond: My journey to Mars

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Today is a great day. I’m going on the starship to Mars. You can tell by the mess I made in the bathroom… I hope no one sees it… I’m on the bus on my way to the space center for the briefing and preparation for the trip. Jessica is trying to read what I’m writing but I'll try to keep this secret, so my dad jokes don’t go anywhere. Josh is dead, I mean, sleeping pretty deeply leaning on the window and Boris is listening to Metallica. I can’t think how he can be listening to metal and be chill. My ass is still kinda goofy.

I thought about writing on a daily basis so I record what I experience and what happens on this journey. To be honest, I don’t know when I’d be able to write, as I don’t fully know the work schedule. All I know is that we are going to make the setup of the base that was already deployed, but probably something may be off, as there is a delay, maybe something is hanging out there and we don’t know yet. I will take care of the hydroponics and beehives, Josh of the supplies and inventory, Boris is the mechanic, so he will take care of the engineering and Jessica is the pilot and mission controller.

We are almost there, so I will leave it here. I will continue later.

~Some hours later~

Well, It’s almost time, less than 4 hours to ride the rollercoaster. We went at the press conference and people seem pretty excited! I’m going all in and give all I can, this is going to be my most memorable day of my entire life. If the rocket doesn’t explode of course. Sorry, I like explosions.

And, something I forgot to say is they I’m going to sneek some cigarettes on my suit but I’ve no idea how I’m going to smoke them as everything is so fire-proof and there is practically no fire onboard and on Mars. So, I’m going to go to the launchpad and I will write after we are all settled in space as I can’t write during the flight.

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Hello again! I'm back bitches! It was an incredible ride. It's like all my problems disappeared and I'm a new person now. Now we are just waiting and enjoying the ride from Earth to Mars. Well, even if we are just waiting, we have work to do. I'm checking all the plans for the hydroponics and making some adjustments as whoever designed this knew he wasn't going to come. But damn, I can't focus with Jessica around. I don't know but she has something that makes me crazy. Even though she took my cigarettes as they flow away while changing my clothes. I convinced her to not make a complain but I just think she did it because she wants to give them a try, I don't know. Currently she is checking all the systems and the exercise machines.

Josh and Boris were reviewing the supplies for the trip and started planning the first steps once on Mars. Now all they are doing is discuss about what to eat today as some meals are for four people and not individual ones.

Once we finish with work we thought about playing space tennis, which is like tennis but floating. It's hard not gonna lie.